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SUBJECT: ITALIAN ENERGY POLICY: NO FINAL DECISION

REF: STATE 046570

1. DURING MARCH 3 DISCUSSION OF POINTS CONTAINED REFTTEL WITH COUNSELOR FERRARI, ACTING DIRECTOR MFA ENERGY OFFICE (IN ABSENCE COSTA), EMBOFF ASKED IF PROGRESS RESULTED FROM INTER-MINISTERIAL MEETING ON ENERGY PRESIDED BY PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL MORO ON MARCH 1. FERRARI REPLIED NO FIRM DECISIONS HAD BEEN MADE, AND THAT SITUATION WAS STILL FLUID. DESPITE STRONG DESIRE TO GO ALONG WITH US FOR REASONS OF POLICY, SOLIDARITY WITH US AND OTHER INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES AND BENEFITS OF ENERGY INDEPENDENCE, GOI REMAINS UNWILLING TO TAKE HARD DECISION ON US PROPOSALS. FERRARI IMPLIED THAT WHILE THERE WAS GENERAL ACCEPTANCE IN PRINCIPLE ON THE FLOOR PRICE PROPOSAL, NO AGREEMENT WAS REACHED ON A PRICE OR PRICE RANGE, NOR ON VARIOUS REFERENCE PRICE OR DEFICIENCY PAYMENT SCHEMES SUCH AS THE SIMONET PROPOSALS. FERRARI INDICATED THAT TECHNICIANS WERE STILL WORKING ON THE ELEMENTS OF AN ITALIAN POLICY.

2. COMMENT: FERRARI DID NOT EXPLICITLY DESCRIBE GOI THINKING ON ITS POSITION, BUT FROM THE DISCUSSION, IT SEEMS FAIRLY CLEAR THAT ITALIAN WILLINGNESS TO ACCEPT US PROPOSALS IS CONDITIONAL ON SPECIAL ASSISTANCE FOR ITALIAN ALTERNATIVE ENERGY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS. AMONG THE VARIETY OF POSSIBLE WAYS, THIS COULD PERHAPS INCLUDE SPECIAL FINANCING ARRANGEMENTS FOR ITALIAN NUCLEAR POWER INSTALLATIONS, OPPORTUNITIES TO PARTICIPATE IN RESEARCH OR IN THE RESULTS OF RESEARCH IN THE FIELD WITHOUT CONTRIBUTING THE FULL PARTICIPATION QUOTA REQUIRED OF OTHERS. VOLPE

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